GDP growth in Eleventh Plan

2263. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is targeting 10 per cent GDP growth by the end of Eleventh Plan;

(b) if so, whether it is feasible as the present indications point out that we could fall short of even 9 per cent this year; and

(c) whether matching emphasis has been laid on creating infrastructure, spread of quality education, skill development, etc. to make a decisive move to achieve ultimate target of 10 per cent GDP growth by 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Plan, which covers the period 2007-08 to 2011-12, has set the growth target for the economy at 9% per year for the Plan period and aims at putting the economy on a sustainable growth trajectory with a growth of approximately 10% by the end of its period. In 2007-08, *i.e.*, the first year of the Plan, the growth rate, as per the Advance Estimates of National Income, 2007-08 released by the Central Statistical Organization, is estimated at 8.7 per cent. The growth targets are not fixed annually.

(c) The Eleventh Plan outlines a comprehensive programme for development of infrastructure consistent with the requirements of growth. The total investment needed in infrastructure, defined to include electric power, roads, railways, ports, airports, telecommunications, irrigation, drinking water, sanitation, storage and warehousing will increase to almost 9% of GDP by the terminal year of the Eleveth Plan. Education and skill development has been accorded high priority in the Plan both to meet the needs of a growing economy and to promote social equality. A National Skills Development Mission has been proposed in the Eleventh Plan with the aim of expanding the public sector skill development infrastructure and supporting private skill development initiatives by providing governmental support.

Funds under SCP for SCs

2264. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the Ministries of Union Government which implemented the guidelines of the Planning Commission with regard to earmarking of funds under Special Component Plan (SCP) for Scheduled Castes (SCs) in their plan outlays in 2004-05 and 2005-06; and

(b) the proportions of outlays that were earmarked under Special Component Plan for SCs within the total plan outlays in 2004-05, and 2005-06 for different Ministries of the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) Sir. 6 Ministries of Union Governmetn namely (i) Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD), (ii) Ministry of Science & Technology, (iii) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, (iv) Ministry of Rural Development, (v) Department of Labour & Employment (vi) Ministry of Small, Micro and Medium Enterprises have implemented